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TNT Theme Essay Checklist

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Introductory Paragraph	
Is there a hook to grab your reader's attention?	
Is the theme a statement about an author's message we can apply to life?	
Is there a logical reason(s) to support the theme? One for each body paragraph?	
Is there a transition sentence connecting this paragraph to the next one?	
Body Paragraphs	
Does it begin with one reason that supports the theme?	
Is there an introduction (brief explanation of what's happening in the quote) for the 1st piece of evidence?	
Is there a clear 1st piece of evidence that includes a quote and page number?	
Is there an explanation of HOW THE EVIDENCE CONNECTS TO THE REASON?	
Is there an introduction (brief explanation of what's happening in the quote) for the 2nd piece of evidence?	
Is there a clear 2nd piece of evidence that includes a quote and a page number?	
Is there an explanation of HOW THE EVIDENCE CONNECTS TO THE REASON?	
Is there a concluding sentence that restates the reason and makes a transition to the next paragraph?	
Concluding Paragraph	
Is the theme restated?	
Are your reasons summarized?	
Is there an interesting connection between your theme and yourself or your reader?	

to you explain and move to your next piece of evidence:

Examples	Conclusion	Comparison	Contrast	Result
For example, To illustrate, Specifically, In particular	In conclusion, To summarize, In closing, To sum up, Finally,	Similarly, Likewise, In the same way,	In contrast, On the other hand, However, Conversely, Instead,	As a result, As a consequence, Consequently, Therefore, Thus,
Emphasis	Clarification	Extra Info	Concession	Time Relationship
In fact, Actually,	In other words, In simpler words, More simply,	In addition, Moreover, Furthermore,	Nevertheless, Even so, Admittedly, Despite this,	Afterward, First, Second, Then, Next, Finally, Subsequently,

Theme Essay Rubric

TOTAL

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Does your essay have three parts? Do your reasons logically support your theme?	10	8	6	4	2	0
Is each reason logically supported with two quotes with page numbers? Do you explain how these quotes support your reason?	10	8	6	4	2	0
Does your essay appear to have been revised or does it read more like a draft? Are your spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar correct?	10	8	6	4	2	0

